

# Union Calendar No. 430

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4853

[Report No. 107-692]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2002

Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mr. FOLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 23, 2002]

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED TO VALIDATE CER-**  
 4       **TAIN LAND TRANSACTIONS.**

5       *(a) TRANSACTIONS.—The Seminole Tribe of Florida*  
 6       *may mortgage, lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise*  
 7       *transfer all or any part of any interest in any real property*  
 8       *that—*

9               *(1) was held by the Tribe on September 1, 2002;*  
 10       *and*

11               *(2) is not held in trust by the United States for*  
 12       *the benefit of the Tribe.*

13       *(b) NO FURTHER APPROVAL REQUIRED.—Trans-*  
 14       *actions under subsection (a) shall be valid without further*  
 15       *approval, ratification, or authorization by the United*  
 16       *States.*

17       *(c) TRUST LAND NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this*  
 18       *section is intended or shall be construed to—*

19               *(1) authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to*  
 20       *mortgage, lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise*  
 21       *transfer all or any part of an interest in any real*  
 22       *property that is held in trust by the United States for*  
 23       *the benefit of the Tribe; or*

24               *(2) affect the operation of any law governing*  
 25       *mortgaging, leasing, selling, conveying, warranting,*

- 1        *or otherwise transferring any interest in such trust*
- 2        *land.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide that real property interests owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida on September 1, 2002, which are not held in trust by the United States for the Tribe may be obligated or transferred by the Tribe without further approval by the United States.”.

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